(c) if so, what is the total number of schools set up so far in the State of Punjab;

(d) the total number of training programmes conducted to the persons from the State of Punjab at the national level;

(e) to what extend it has been beneficial for the Punjab; and

(f) what were the funds allocated to Punjab?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir. However, a Road Safety Committee was set up in the year 1982 which had inter-alia, recommended that the Government may set up Model Traffic Training Schools for training drivers and conductors. Accordingly, the Government had set up a National Institute of Road Safety. The recommendation of the Committee was also circulated to the States.

(b) to (f) This falls within the jurisdiction of the State Governments and the details are not available.

Four Laning of Sirhind-Jalandhar Highway

1311. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of India had undertaken the widening of Sirhind-Jalandhar section of National Highway-1 with four laning in Punjab;

(b) what is the total amount allocated for this project and the amount spent so far;

(c) what is the progress made in implementing the scheme;

(d) by what time widening of the National Highway will be completed;

(e) whether authorities implementing have pointed out that the allocations made will not be sufficient to complete the work; and

(f) whether the time schedule of completion of these projects i.e. March, 1994 will be adhered to?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Expenditure upto March, 1993 is Rs. 7087 lakhs.

(c) Progress upto March, 1993 is 91%.

(d) The work is targetted to be completed by March, 1994.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Yes, Sir.

Allocation of Funds for the Development of National Highways in Punjab

1312. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether requirement of the funds for the maintenance and repairs of the National Highways has gone up since 1968 onwards;

(b) what is the amount of increase;

(c) what is the extent of increase in traffic on these highways;

(d) what is the amount allocated so far during 1992-93 and 1993-94 in respect of National Highways in Punjab; and

(e) what was the amount allocated and spend for the maintenance on National Highways in Punjab?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The requirement of fund for maintenance and repairs of National Highways has gone up from Rs. 10.77 crores in 1968 to Rs. 350 crores at present.

(c) There has been a general increase in traffic on National Highways which varies from 5 to 9 per cent annually depending upon their location.

(d) The amount allocated for development of National Highways in Punjab for 1992-93 was Rs. 2800 lakhs and for 1993-94 is Rs. 3600 lakhs.

(e) Position of maintenance and repairs funds in case of Punjab is as under:—

Year	*Funds allotted* (Rs. in lakhs)	*Expenditure*
1992-93	638.97	625.74(upto 2/93)
1993-94	497.38	47.07(upto 4/93).

Development of Guwahati-Shillong-Silchar Highway

1313. SHRI G. G. SWELL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state: